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SUBJ: SOVIET ORAL STATEMENT ON FRG ENVIRONMENTAL OFFICE IN BERLIN

1. THERE FOLLOWS EMBASSY-TRANSLATED TEXT OF ORAL STATEMENT ON FRG ENVIRONMENTAL OFFICE IN BERLIN MADE TO CHARGE OCTOBER 29 BY USA DIVISION DEPUTY CHIEF MIKHAILOV (IN ABSENCE OF CHIEF KORNIYENKO). ORAL STATEMENT ALSO MADE TO BRITISH AND FRENCH. EMBASSY HAS PASSED COPY TO FRG EMBASSY HERE, AND IS POUCHING ORIGINAL RUSSIAN TEXT TO DEPARTMENT, WITH COPIES TO BONN AND BERLIN.

2. CHARGE NOTED IN RESPONSE TO STATEMENT THAT WESTERN POSITION, MADE CLEAR IN OCTOBER 8 RESPONSE TO SOVIET DEMARCHE, IS THAT ENVIRONMENTAL OFFICE CONSISTENT WITH BERLIN AGREEMENT. CHARGE ADDED THAT ONE OF BASES OF AGREEMENT WAS EFFORT TO FURTHER COOPERATION ON WAYS
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TO MAKE BERLIN A VIABLE ENTITY AND THAT ESTABLISHMENT

OF OFFICE TO DEAL WITH SUCH AN IMPORTANT ISSUE AS ENVIRONMENT IS IN KEEPING WITH THIS. MIKHAILOV EXPRESSED VIEW THAT, IF PRECEDENT ESTABLISHED, THERE WILL BE ONE ATTEMPT AFTER ANOTHER TO VIOLATE AGREEMENT.

3. BEGIN TEXT.

" THE SOVIET SIDE UNDERSTAND THAT PLANS ARE BEING CONSIDERED IN GOVERNMENTAL CIRCLES OF THE FRG FOR LOCATING IN THE WESTERN SECTORS OF BERLIN A NEWLY ESTABLISHED FEDERAL ORGAN FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE ENVIRONMENT OF THE FRG. IN THIS CONNECTION THE SOVIET EMBASSY IN THE GDR CALLED TO THE ATTENTION OF THE APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES OF THE U.S.A. THE NECESSITY OF TAKING MEASURES TO PREVENT THE OPENING IN THE WESTERN SECTORS OF BERLIN OF THE ABOVE-MENTIONED CENTRAL GOVERNMENT ORGAN OF THE FRG, SINCE THIS WOULD VIOLATE THE QUADRIPARTITE AGREEMENT.

4. "ON OCTOBER 8, 1973, THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE AUTHORITIES OF THE THREE POWERS IN THE WESTERN SECTORS OF BERLIN INFORMED THE SOVIET EMBASSY THAT FROM THEIR VIEWPOINT THE PROPOSED LOCATION OF THE FEDERAL ORGAN IN THAT CITY WOULD NOT CONTRAVENE THE QUADRIPARTITE AGREEMENT.

5. "THE SOVIET SIDE CANNOT CONSIDER SUCH AN ANSWER JUSTIFIED. THE ATTEMPT TO OPEN A FEDERAL OFFICE FOR PROTECTION OF THE ENVIRONMENT IN THE WESTERN SECTORS OF BERLIN WOULD CONTRAVENE THE PROVISION OF THE QUADRIPARTITE AGREEMENT TO THE EFFECT THAT THOSE SECTORS DO NOT BELONG TO THE FRG, THE MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING REACHED ON THE REDUCTION OF THE SO-CALLED FEDERAL PRESENCE IN BERLIN (WEST), AS WELL AS THE OBLIGATION OF THE THREE WESTERN POWERS NOT TO MODIFY UNILATERALLY THE EXISTING SITUATION IN THAT AREA. BEING GUIDED BY THE INTEREST OF OBSERVING, AND ENSURING THE NORMAL FUNCTIONING OF, THE QUADRIPARTITE AGREEMENT IN ALL OF ITS PARTS, THE SOVIET SIDE INSISTS THAT THE U.S. AUTHORITIES DO EVERYTHING NECESSARY TO PREVENT LOCATING THIS CENTRAL FRG OFFICE IN THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WESTERN SECTORS OF BERLIN. OTHERWISE, THE WESTERN SIDE WOULD HAVE TO BEAR RESPONSIBILITY FOR ALL THE CONSEQUENCES OF SUCH A STEP WHICH IS INCOMPATIBLE WITH THE QUADRIPARTITE AGREEMENT." END TEXT.
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